

# **Guidelines for Terminating Enrollment under the Cannabis General Order**

#### **Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board**

If cannabis cultivation at an enrolled site is ending, the cultivator should terminate enrollment under the Cannabis General Order. The cultivator must also clean up the site, remove cannabis-related materials, and make sure that the land is stable and not at risk of future erosion issues.

The following items must be submitted to and approved by Central Coast Water Board staff for the termination to be complete.

### All cultivators are required to submit:

- 1. A **Notice of Termination** This can be completed one of two ways:
  - a. Fill out Attachment C of the <u>Cannabis General Order</u>, scan it, and email it to centralcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov.
  - b. Complete the "Cannabis Order Termination Request Form" survey in the online Cannabis Portal.
    - i. Log in to the Cannabis Portal
    - ii. Click "Create New Survey"
    - iii. Select "Cannabis Order Termination Request Form"
- A Site Closure Report The Site Closure Report is due 90 days prior to ending cannabis cultivation activities. Complete this report using the template found in the <u>technical</u> <u>reporting section of our website</u> and email it to <u>centralcoast.cannabis@waterboards.ca.gov</u>.

# Cultivators of Tier 1 and Tier 2 sites also need to submit:

- A Final Monitoring Report for the time that the site has been enrolled in the current calendar year. This report is completed using the same survey in the online <u>Cannabis</u> <u>Portal</u> used to submit the annual reports. To complete the Final Monitoring Report;
  - a. Log in to the Cannabis Portal
  - b. Click "Create New Survey"
  - c. Select "Online Cannabis Water Quality Monitoring & Reporting Program"
  - d. When prompted, select the current calendar year and "I am in the process of terminating Cannabis Cultivation General Order coverage and must submit a final Monitoring Report"

To terminate in a state of compliance, the cultivator must also make sure that all required technical and annual monitoring reports have been submitted for the years the site has been enrolled under the Cannabis General Order. If all required documents are not submitted at the time of termination, the enrollment may be terminated in a state of non-compliance, which could affect the ability of the cultivator to enroll again in the future.



### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

• What if cultivation never occurred on the property?

The termination requirements for all enrollments are the same, regardless of whether cannabis cultivation occurred on the property. If no cultivation occurred but site development occurred for cannabis cultivation, the cultivator is still responsible for removing all cannabis-related materials and stabilizing the site.

• What happens if I don't submit the termination documents?

The enrollment will not be terminated until all the required documents are submitted and approved by Central Coast Water Board staff. You will receive a confirmation email from staff once your documents have been reviewed and approved.

What about annual fees? Am I still required to pay them if my enrollment is terminated?

You are responsible for paying all annual fee invoices that you have received. If you have unpaid invoices when you terminate your enrollment, you are still responsible for paying them.

In addition to potentially affecting your ability to enroll in the future, if you do not submit reports required by the Cannabis General Order and terminate in a state of non-compliance, the Central Coast Water Board may choose to pursue enforcement in accordance with California Water Code Section 13267. Failing to submit reports required by the Cannabis General Order is a violation of California Water Code section 13267. Pursuant to California Water Code section 13268, the Central Coast Water Board may impose administrative civil liability of up to \$1,000 per day for each day a violation occurs. The Central Coast Water Board reserves the right to take any enforcement action authorized by law.